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Subject: Bay Restoration Plan revision workshop at Governing Board Meeting on 10/19/2017

Dear Governing Board Members,

As you are aware, the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program (SMBNEP) is undergoing the revision of the Bay Restoration Plan (BRP) through a year-long public and iterative process. The revision process is conducted and facilitated jointly by the SMBRC and the Bay Foundation (TBF), partner entities under the SMBNEP, with active participation from members of the Governing Board (GB) as well as members of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Watershed Advisory Council (WAC). As part of the revision process, and in accordance with the BRP revision timeline endorsed by the GB at its August Board meeting, we plan to hold a participatory workshop during the Governing Board meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2017.

The main goal of this upcoming workshop is to solicit members' input on short and long term priority areas, pressing issues, and actions that need to be addressed in the newly revised BRP, especially on those that are missing or not adequately addressed in the current BRP. In this workshop we will have a rotating breakout group discussion format, designed for members with diverse interest and backgrounds to discuss priority areas and issues going forward. To make the workshop more informative, focused, and productive, we would like to encourage members to take a look at our current BRP as well as equivalent plans (CCMPs) developed by other NEPs, especially those recently revised by the San Francisco Estuary Program and the Tampa Bay National Estuary Program, both of which we are considering as models for our revised BRP. All three documents can be viewed and downloaded online by following the web links below.

- The Bay Restoration Plan 2013 Update: http://www.smbrc.ca.gov/about_us/smbr_plan/docs/smbrplan2013_adopted.pdf
- San Francisco Estuary Program CCMP 2016: http://www.sfestuary.org/ccmp/
- Tampa Bay National Estuary Program CCMP 2017 Revision: https://indd.adobe.com/view/cf7b3c48-d2b2-4713-921c-c2a0d4466632

Additional background materials and instructions related to the workshop are being prepared and will be distributed to Board members early next week.

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